

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W215 Senate Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 20, 2010

**Members Present:** Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Chris Herrod  
Rep. Christine Johnson  
Rep. Todd Kiser

**Members Absent:** Rep. Jackie Biskupski

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist  
Dr. Thomas Young, Economist  
Becky Lawyer, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Sen. Okerlund called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and introduced Masafuni Ogawa, Secretary to a congressman in Japan, an exchange student at Snow College.

The proposed calendar for the session was distributed, reflecting the removal of Thursday meetings except for a tour at the Rio Grande Depot.

The previously adopted 4% prioritization list was reviewed in preparation for going before the EAC at the end of the day. Sen. Okerlund brought up the possibility of unspent funds in some of the departments being used to offset the priorities already established.

Rep. Allen requested clarification of the Tax Commission's recommendation.

Rod Marelli, Executive Director, Tax Commission, accompanied by Julie Alsop, Budget Director, addressed the committee. There are two areas dealing with compliance: the Auditing Division and the Taxpayer Services Department. The compliance agents deal with collection of delinquent taxes. ROI numbers were discussed previously. The ROI per compliance agent is higher than the auditor. Questions from the committee were presented.

Rep. Allen complimented the Tax Commission's handling of constituent issues.

Jim Grover, Budget and Policy Analyst, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, distributed handouts to the committee and addressed the committee. He discussed ways to increase the numbers in 2010 and not take the 4% budget reductions. USTAR agreed to give up \$5 million in additional research funding.

Rep. Kiser discussed concerns regarding ROI and the various ways ROI is calculated and requested a common method for its calculation. Questions from committee were discussed.

Sen. Okerlund commended Staff for their hard work and thanked department heads for their input.

Rep. Allen requested a model for ROI calculation to be available for June interim meeting.

Spencer Eccles, Executive Director, GOED, addressed the committee. Potential partners for GOED are required to provide a ROI. Measurements for calculating ROI are clearly identified in contracts.

MOTION: Rep. Herrod moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.